

In the Specification

Please make the following changes to the specification:

1. In the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2:

The present invention is directed to a shoe construction comprising concealed and integral wearer-adjustable orthopedic support means to provide an adjustable degree of variable transverse angular canting support to a weight-bearing foot thereon. The adjustment means comprises at least one transversely adjustable side element in the form of appropriately contoured a shim member comprising a wedge assemblies manually movable by a screw-operated cam. Attached to an insole base element and variably supporting a contoured plastic foot support immediately thereabove, with the assembly thereof protected against the unwanted infiltration of foreign matter such as dirt and pebbles by a fabric covering element. The canting adjustment means provides a variably adjustable degree of canting support to a weight-bearing foot thereupon.

2. Page 2, line 7, insert the following new paragraph:

More particularly, the present invention is directed to a shoe comprising a shoe upper, a shoe bottom, and an adjustable foot support system in the shoe, said support system comprising: (i) a footbed assembly having a longitudinal center, a toe portion, a heel portion, and a mid-portion there-between, and having a bottom surface and an upper surface which has raised peripheral edges at the mid-portion that slope gradually downward from each edge toward the longitudinal center of the footbed assembly so as to form a concave shaped surface facing upward at the mid-portion; (ii) a shim member having a toe portion, a heel portion, a mid-portion there-between and comprising a wedge, wherein the wedge is joined at the toe portion and the heel portion and has a central hinge area therebetween, and having a flat upper

surface and a lower surface which has a transversely wedged contour at about the mid-portions of the shim facing downward, thereby matching and fitting together with the footbed assembly located therebelow, and having the shim mid-portion being narrower than the corresponding footbed assembly mid-portion location, and (iii) a means located forward of the breast of the heel of the shoe for moving the wedge transversely to adjust the angle of the flat upper surface of the shim member relative to the flat bottom surface of the footbed assembly.

3. Page 3, 1st full paragraph:

FIG. 1 shows a shoe containing the shoe construction of this invention. More specifically, it shows a shoe 20 having an upper 22, an adjustable footbed canting assembly 24 and a sole 26. The footbed canting assembly 24 comprises a preferably molded insole element 28 and at least one transversely adjustable ~~side wedge~~ shim member 30. Preferably the footbed has a flat bottom surface and an upper surface which has raised peripheral edges at the mid-portion that slope gradually downward from each edge. As shown side wedge 30a is along the inner side of a wearer's foot and side wedge 30b is on the outer side of the wearer's foot. Preferably, the two side wedges 30a and 30b are interconnected by integral hinge portions 32 at the toe and heel so that the side wedges of shim member 30 will move together to change the cant of the top surface of the footbed canting assembly 24. The transverse positioning of the side wedges 30a and 30b adjusts the effective degree of the transverse canting attitude of the top surface of footbed canting assembly 24. The left wedge, the right wedge, and the unconnected central area therebetween in total are about 5 to about 35% narrower than the corresponding mid-portion location of the footbed assembly.

4. Page 3, 2nd full paragraph:

Although less preferable, a single ~~side wedge~~ shim member 30 may be used. For example side wedge 30a along the inner side of a wearer's foot and having a hinge 32 in its central portion facing outward may be used alone to control pronation and side wedge 30b on the outer side of the shoe and having a hinge 32 facing inward can be used alone to control supination

5. Page 3, last paragraph continuing onto page 4:

The positioning of the side wedges 30a and/or 30b is controlled by a manual adjustment means 36 located under insole foot supporting element 28 in a mid-portion of the shoe 20. Locating the adjustment means 36 forward of the breast of the heel serves to minimize abrasion on the adjustment means during use. The side wedges 30a and 30b in turn support variably with such adjustment controlled by the coin-slotted adjusting screw 34 attached as by spot-welding to a stainless steel circular stamped cam 36 which is attached to wedges 30a and/or 30b by eyelets 38 extending through the variably radiused arcuate cam slots 40 in cam 36 and through optional transverse slots in the insole base 42 thereunder. Preferably the footbed canting assembly 24 is enclosed by a spandex fabric or other sheet covering element 44, permanently attached as by cement lasting to the bottom peripheral edges of insole base 42, with the edge surface areas of the footbed canting assembly 24 similarly are permanently attached to the marginal so-called lasting allowances as well as the assembly forepart of upper 22 by such permanent attaching means as adhesive cement.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-8.

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The claims now in the case for active consideration are Claims 9-23 as originally filed, with Claims 9 and 17 being the only independent claims.